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SUBJ: BELGIAN-SUDANESE RELATIONS

1. BELGIAN CHARGE' LANSLOOT RETURNED TO KHARTOUM FROM LEAVE ON SEPT 17 TO RESUME "BUSINESS AS USUAL". IN ADDITION TO CITING REASONS GIVEN AMBASSADOR BREWER AS REPORTED IN BRUSSELS 5460 (COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND EC-ARAB DIALOGUE), LANSLOOT SAID HE THOUGHT THAT NIMEIRI HAD GONE QUITE FAR JUST IN HOLDING THE KHARTOUM TERRORISTS FOR SIXTEEN MONTHS AND BRINGING THEM TO TRIAL, STEPS NO OTHER ARAB LEADER HAS EVER TAKEN.

2. LANSLOOT SAID THAT THE SUDAN, UNTIL NOW "REPRESENTED" IN BELGIUM BY AN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN PARIS WHO HAS IREVER PRESENTED CREDENTIALS IN BRUSSELS, HAS REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR (TO BE ACCREDITED TO BOTH THE GOB AND THE EEC). AGREEMENT WILL BE GRANTED IN DUE COURSE.

3. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM LANSLOOT'S REMARKS THAT THE BELGIANS CONSIDER THE KHARTOUM MURDERS AND THE RELEASE OF THE TERRORISTS A CLOSED CHAPTER IN BELGIAN-CONFIDENTIAL

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SUDANESE RELATIONS. HIS RETURN TO POST, COMBINED WITH

RECENT DUTCH AND FRG ACTIVITY HERE, WILL SURELY CONVINCE
THE SUDANESE THAT THE US STANDS ALONE IN CONTINUING TO
FAULT THEM FOR NIMEIRI'S DECISION. (THE DUTCH ARE
ABOUT TO PUT \$10 MILLION WORTH OF ASSISTANCE INTO
THE SUDAN AND THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S VISTS
TO GERMAN-FUNDED PROJECTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE
REGULARLY REPORTED IN THE PRESS).
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